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May 8, 1953

Dr. Harris Isbell
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Dear Dr. Isbell:

I am in receipt of your letter of 30 April and appreciate your concise summary of the assistance, in the specific fields mentioned, you can give us in your research program in the coming fiscal year.

My information on the progress of negotiations of interest to you is that your sponsoring organization already has the necessary funds in hand and it is now a matter of overcoming the "red tape disease syndrome" between the two particular agencies concerned. From where we sit the prognosis of this particular phase of the illness seems very good.

In relation to the specific questions which you mentioned I would like to advise the following. In the first place, we look forward to an extended, detailed research conference with you on the three fields you mentioned as soon as possible after you have received official notification of proper funding.

On the specific questions, I think it would be very helpful if I were to suggest to one Dr. Harold A. Abramson, who has considerable experimental background on acute LSD experiments, to visit you and describe his work to you. He could get much information of use to us by studying the pattern of your various experimental techniques and designs. He is currently doing work of interest to us on the same basis that your next year's program will be of interest to us. I will suggest to him that he get in touch with you.

As to the best methods for determining blood alcohol, I don't know how much help he could be to you since I assume you have adequately covered the recent literature in this field. However, we will take steps to determine the methods used by another active project in this field with which we are in close contact.

With warmest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of
8 May 1953.

I am, of course, waiting anxiously for word that the
necessary administrative action can be completed in
time for me to draw up definite plans for the year
ahead.

I will look forward very much to seeing Dr. Abramson
at anytime which might be convenient to us both.

Yours very sincerely,

Harris Isbell
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